



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 551

Chairperson: Jim Jensen
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 11, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 551 relates to the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act (act). The bill amends section 71-815 to require that at least three members appointed to the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services be consumers of substance abuse services (sec. 2). The bill amends section 71-816 to require that at least three members appointed to the State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services be consumers of problem gambling or addiction services (sec. 3).

The bill amends section 71-813 to require that at least two members appointed to the State Behavioral Health Council from each such advisory committee and from the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services be consumers (sec. 1).

The bill amends section 71-818 to expand the Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature from 20 members to 25 (sec. 4).

Principal Introducer:

Senator Jim Jensen